

ORDINANCE NO. 1248

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING RATES AND GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES FOR THE CITY'S COMBINED UTILITY FOR THE YEARS 2021 THROUGH 2026, AMENDING SNOQUALMIE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.04.384, 13.08.010, 13.08.090, 13.10.045, 13.12.010, 13.12.038, 13.12.040(G); AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Snoqualmie operates a combined water, wastewater and stormwater utility pursuant to RCW 35A.80.010 and Chapters 35.67 and 35.92 RCW; and

WHEREAS, water, sewer, and storm water services provided by the combined utility of the City of Snoqualmie are critical to the health and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City produces Class A reclaimed water as a by-product of its wastewater treatment process and delivers it to a reservoir (Eagle Lake) for use by the City's bulk rate customers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Growth Management Act, Ch. 36.70A RCW, the City has adopted a GMA Comprehensive Plan, entitled Snoqualmie 2032, which describes the city that residents wish to leave to future generations, expresses goals and policies to guide that vision, provides a generalized land use plan for the city and its urban growth area providing for the existing population as well as the population and employment growth anticipated to occur through the year 2032, establishes the foundation for implementing programs and regulations, and provides a guide for city budgeting; and

WHEREAS, as required by law, Snoqualmie 2032 also includes a Capital Facilities

and Utilities Elements, which (a) identify the general location, proposed location, and capacity of all existing and proposed water, sewer and stormwater utility facilities; (b) set forth a forecast of the future needs for such capital facilities; (c) show the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities; (d) provide at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital facilities within projected funding capacities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the utility planning set forth in Snoqualmie 2032, the City is updating its General Sewer Plan, Water System Plan and Stormwater Management Plan, which among other things itemize and describe those capital improvements to the City's sewer, water and stormwater infrastructure that are necessary to maintain the City's combined utility system and provide sufficient capacity to serve the population and employment growth anticipated in the City's GMA Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan ("CIP") constitutes the six-year plan called for by the GMA's Capital Facilities Element requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by RCW 35A.80.010, RCW 35.67.020 and RCW 35.92.020 to fix, alter, regulate, maintain and control the rates and charges for services and facilities provided by its utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City monitors revenues and expenditures periodically to ensure that revenues exceed expenditures, and to determine whether additional adjustments to utility rates are required in order to that revenues will continue to exceed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, rate and charge adjustments are necessary from time to time to ensure that sufficient revenue exists to properly maintain the City's combined utility and provide adequate services to customers of the combined utility; and

WHEREAS, a rate and general facilities charge study was conducted by Financial Consulting Solutions (FCS) Group that developed proposed rates and general facilities charges for each utility for the period from 2021 through 2026; and

WHEREAS, the rate and general facilities charge study concluded that water, sewer and stormwater rate and charge increases in the amounts set forth herein are required in order to pay the ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the City's combined utility and to pay the capital costs of those necessary improvements to the City's water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure set forth in the City's adopted 2021-2026 CIP; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on May 10, 2021 regarding the rates and charges established herein; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.04.384 Amended. Section 13.04.384 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.04.384 Sewer General Facilities Charges

- A. The general facilities charge ("GFC") is a charge imposed upon a new customer to recover the customer's equitable share of the cost of the system and is used for funding construction of future general facilities.
- B. Each new customer shall pay the general facilities charge for the customer class in effect on the date of application for service or change of service as provided herein.
- C. A potential customer who holds a certificate of sewer availability, but who has not yet connected the development for which the certificate was issued to the sewer system, shall pay the general facilities charge prior to connecting the development to the City sewer system.

D. The ~~2017~~ 2021 GFC shall be imposed upon all new customers, regardless of customer class, on a per-Equivalent Residential Unit “ERU” basis, as follows:

Customer Class	ERU Factor	General Facilities Charge
1 SF Residential Unit	1.00	\$12,168 <u>\$8,354</u>
10-unit MF building	10.00	\$121,680 <u>\$83,540</u>

E. Beginning on January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, and on January 1st of each year thereafter, the 2021 sewer GFC shall be increased based on the changes in the Engineering News-Record construction cost index for the Seattle area as determined the prior December.

F. For purposes of calculating a sewer general facilities charge only, an ERU is equal to 138 gallons per day of water use during non-peak season.

G. Changes to Service.

1. Any customers seeking to increase the size of the water meter serving the customer’s property shall pay, at the time of submittal of the application for the new, increased meter, an additional general facility charge in an amount equal to the difference between the general facility charge credit for its currently sized meter and the ERU basis previously paid to the City, plus the applicable general facility charge amount due for the proposed new, increased meter size.
2. Any customer seeking to or who does change his/her customer classification shall pay the general facility charge for the new customer classification in effect on the date the application for change is made; provided, that the customer will receive a credit up to the amount of general facility charge previously paid.

H. The general facilities charge is a charge in addition to the charge for new service

connections. The general facilities charge is not a charge or payment in lieu of any utility local improvement district assessment, latecomer fee, main extension cost, or direct facilities charge. This charge is imposed in addition to any charge for cost of connection.

- I. Funds received pursuant to the general facilities charge shall be used for capital improvement projects undertaken to construct general facilities, and payment of debt service on capital improvement projects. Funds received from the general facilities charge shall be accounted for in the ~~sewer~~ utilities capital improvement fund and/or in the ~~sewer~~ utilities debt service redemption funds of the City. Interest earned from the investment of such funds shall be used for ~~sewer~~ capital improvements.

Section 2. Section 13.08.010 Amended. Section 13.08.010 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.08.010 Residential Rates and charges.

The following monthly sewer rates and charges are hereby imposed on residential and multifamily customers:

- A. Residential: This customer class includes each separately metered single-family residence, trailer or mobile home in a trailer court or mobile home park, and each separately metered townhome or duplex residential unit.

Residential Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
(per unit)	\$78.99	\$80.57	\$82.16	\$83.76	\$85.37	\$86.99

- B. Multifamily: This customer class includes apartment, condominium, multiplex, and duplex structures that are served by a single, master water meter rather than individual residential unit meters.

Multifamily Rate (per unit)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	\$62.87	\$64.13 <u>\$62.13</u>	\$65.39 <u>\$61.35</u>	\$66.67 <u>\$60.53</u>	\$67.95 <u>\$59.67</u>	\$69.24 <u>\$58.76</u>

C. Rates for residential sewer service outside the corporate limits shall be 1.5 times the rates within the City limits.

D. A “low income residential customer” means an individual:

1. Who owns or rents and resides in the residence where the discounted rate(s) are being requested;
2. Whose residence has a separate water meter;
3. Whose total household annual income meets the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Income Limits for Very Low Income in King County, Washington. Household annual income shall include income of a spouse or any co-resident(s), where “annual income” is defined as Adjusted Gross Income as indicated in the most recent Federal Income Tax return. In the absence of a Federal Income Tax return, the Finance Director may consider other documentation of household annual income; and
4. Who is not nor is any other adult member of the household claimed as a dependent on another federal income tax return; and
5. Who is named customer on the City’s utility bill or can prove that he or she is the named tenant in a lease or rental agreement for that residence.

E. The Finance Director shall create an application form and a renewal form for residential customers requesting the low income residential customer discount.

1. Applications shall be available at City Hall or mailed to any City customer upon request.
2. The low income residential customer seeking the low income discount must complete an application renewal form annually in order to continue receiving the low income residential customer discount.

3. A notice of renewal of application will be mailed annually by the City to low income residential customers then receiving the discount. The completed renewal application form and required attachments must be returned to the City within 30 days or the discount will no longer apply.
 4. Discounts will commence on the next subsequent billing date following application.
 5. A low income residential customer who applied for and received the discount in the prior year, but who has failed to submit the renewal form within the required 30 days and whose low income customer discount was discontinued as a result, may request a one-time only retroactive application of the low income discount for not more than 2 billing cycles or two months.
 6. A low income residential customer is not eligible for the low income discount if his or her annual water consumption is in excess of 100 cubic feet (ccf) per year on a calendar year basis. An applicant may appeal the criteria to the Finance Director and must provide a convincing justification for the excess usage.
- F. The sewer bill for a low income residential customer whose application is determined by the Finance Director to meet the criteria of subsections D and E above will be discounted by 30 percent.

Section 3. Section 13.08.090 Amended. Section 13.08.090 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.08.090 Commercial Base and Volume Rate Structure

- A. The following monthly sewer rates and charges are hereby imposed on the commercial and industrial customer classifications. This customer class includes without limitation hotels, restaurants, schools, hospitals, churches, lodges, intermittently used buildings, government uses, potable irrigation, and commercial or industrial uses. This customer class includes all business/industrial types identified in section **13.08.080** as well as emerging business or industrial types the

City may classify in the future to protect the sewerage system and prevent cost of service inequities.

Commercial Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Base monthly unit charge, for water consumption up to 600 cubic feet						
Low Commercial	\$97.92	\$99.88	\$101.85	\$103.84	\$105.83	\$107.84
High Commercial	\$121.72	\$124.15 \$126.19	\$126.60 \$130.78	\$129.07 \$135.53	\$131.55 \$140.31	\$134.05 \$145.20
Volume charge, for each additional 100 cubic feet or portion thereof (above 600 cubic feet)						
Low Commercial	\$7.09	\$7.23	\$7.37	\$7.51	\$7.65	\$7.80
High Commercial	\$9.64	\$9.83 \$9.99	\$10.02 \$10.35	\$10.22 \$10.73	\$10.42 \$11.11	\$10.62 \$11.50

- B. For commercial customers, the base monthly unit charge will be added to an estimated volumetric charge for the water used at the premises, based upon the average usage for the corresponding month of the preceding year, averaged over a three-month period including the preceding and following month. In the event there is no prior history for the preceding year, the charge shall be based upon the average water usage for the month for all customers of the municipal water supply system in the same service class.

Section 4. Section 13.10.045 Amended. Section 13.10.045 of the Snoqualmie

Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.10.045 Connection Charges

A. General.

1. There shall be a charge for each new stormwater connection in such amount as city council shall from time to time establish by ordinance
2. The City shall collect connection charges in order that each connecting property shall bear its equitable share of the cost of the public stormwater system.
3. The connection charges collectible pursuant to this section shall be waived for stormwater connections within the Snoqualmie Ridge 1 and 2 Planning Areas,

as shown on Figure 7.2 of the City's comprehensive plan, Snoqualmie 2032, unless the stormwater connection is requested for any of the purposes set forth in Section 13.10.045(B)(2) below, in which case the applicable connection charges shall not be waived.

B. A new customer is:

1. Any customer requesting a building permit for a new structure, parking lot, driveway, or construction of any impervious area; and/or
2. Any customer adding to the square footage or impervious area of an existing building, parking lot, driveway or creation of other impervious areas.

C. The general facilities charge (GFC) is a charge imposed upon new customers to recover the customer's equitable share of the cost of the system and is used for funding construction of future general facilities.

D. Each new customer shall pay the general facilities charge in effect on the date of application for building or other permit, or change of service as provided herein.

E. The ~~2017~~ 2021 stormwater GFC shall be imposed in the amount shown below, per ESU, according to the following examples:

Customer Class	ESU Factor	General Facilities Charge
Single-family residential	1.00	\$328 <u>\$2,706</u>
10-unit multi-family building	10.00	\$3,280 <u>\$27,060</u>

F. Beginning on January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, and on January 1st of each year thereafter, the ~~2017~~ 2021 stormwater GFC shall be increased based on the changes in the Engineering News-Record construction cost index for the Seattle area as determined the prior December.

Section 5. Section 13.12.010 Amended. Section 13.12.010 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.12.10 Rates and charges.

The following rates and charges for all water are hereby imposed:

- A. Each ratepayer shall pay for water service based on the applicable meter size. Rates for water service shall consist of a monthly base service charge based on rate classification, plus a volume charge also based on rate class.
- B. Residential: This customer class includes each separately metered single-family residence, trailer or mobile home in a trailer court or mobile home park, and each separately metered residential unit in a townhome or duplex.
1. The base (minimum) service, according to meter size and location within or without the corporate limits of the city, for all residential water classifications, other than Class A reclaimed water, shall be as follows:

Base charge (Meter Size)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
3/4"	\$34.36	\$35.63	\$36.95	\$38.32	\$39.74	\$41.21
1"	\$43.14	\$44.74	\$46.40	\$48.12	\$49.90	\$51.75
1-1/2"	\$71.50	\$74.15	\$76.89	\$79.73	\$82.68	\$85.74
2"	\$119.30	\$123.71	\$128.29	\$133.04	\$137.96	\$143.06
3"	\$179.13	\$185.76	\$192.63	\$199.76	\$207.15	\$214.81
4"	\$238.81	\$247.65	\$256.81	\$266.31	\$276.16	\$286.38
6"	\$357.98	\$371.23	\$384.97	\$399.21	\$413.98	\$429.30
8"	\$477.35	\$495.01	\$513.33	\$532.32	\$552.02	\$572.44

2. The following residential volume consumption rates are imposed for each 100 cubic feet (CCF) of usage for all water other than Class A reclaimed water according to location within or outside the corporate limits of the city:

Consumption Rate <i>(per 100 cubic feet)</i>	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
0-300 cf	\$2.26	\$2.34	\$2.43	\$2.52	\$2.61	\$2.71
301-800 cf	\$3.80	\$3.94	\$4.09	\$4.24	\$4.40	\$4.56
Over 801 cf	\$4.75	\$4.93	\$5.11	\$5.30	\$5.50	\$5.70

3. Rates for outside City residential customers shall be 1.5 times the inside the City rates for the base charge and the consumption rates.

C. Multifamily: This customer class includes apartment, condominium, multiplex, and duplex structures that are served by a single, master water meter rather than individual unit meters.

1. The base (minimum) service for each multifamily unit connected to the single master water meter other than Class A reclaimed water shall be as follows:

Base Charge	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Per unit	\$30.16	\$31.28 <u>\$29.80</u>	\$32.44 <u>\$29.42</u>	\$33.64 <u>\$29.03</u>	\$34.88 <u>\$28.62</u>	\$36.17 <u>\$28.18</u>

2. The following multifamily volume consumption rates are imposed for each 100 cubic feet (CCF) of usage for all water other than Class A reclaimed water according to location within or outside the corporate limits of the city:

Volume Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Per 100 cf	\$2.70	\$2.80 <u>\$2.67</u>	\$2.90 <u>\$2.64</u>	\$3.01 <u>\$2.60</u>	\$3.12 <u>\$2.56</u>	\$3.24 <u>\$2.52</u>

3. Rates for outside City multifamily customers shall be 1.5 times the inside the City rates for the base charge and the consumption rates.

D. Commercial ~~Water / Potable Irrigation~~: This customer class includes without limitation hotels, schools, hospitals, churches, lodges, intermittently used buildings, government uses, ~~potable irrigation~~, and commercial or industrial uses.

1. The base (minimum) ~~commercial water / potable irrigation~~ service, according to meter size and location within or outside the corporate limits of the City, for all commercial water classifications, other than Class A reclaimed water shall be as follows:

Meter Size	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
3/4"	\$41.56	\$43.10 <u>\$43.66</u>	\$44.69 <u>\$45.80</u>	\$46.34 <u>\$47.97</u>	\$48.05 <u>\$50.16</u>	\$49.83 <u>\$52.38</u>
1"	\$52.17	\$54.10 <u>\$54.81</u>	\$56.10 <u>\$57.49</u>	\$58.18 <u>\$60.21</u>	\$60.33 <u>\$62.96</u>	\$62.56 <u>\$65.74</u>
1-1/2"	\$86.46	\$89.66 <u>\$90.84</u>	\$92.98 <u>\$95.28</u>	\$96.42 <u>\$99.79</u>	\$99.99 <u>\$104.35</u>	\$103.69 <u>\$108.96</u>
2"	\$144.25	\$149.60 <u>\$151.56</u>	\$155.14 <u>\$158.97</u>	\$160.88 <u>\$166.49</u>	\$166.83 <u>\$174.10</u>	\$173.00 <u>\$181.80</u>
3"	\$216.59	\$224.60 <u>\$227.55</u>	\$232.91 <u>\$238.68</u>	\$241.53 <u>\$249.97</u>	\$250.47 <u>\$261.40</u>	\$259.74 <u>\$272.96</u>
4"	\$288.76	\$299.44 <u>\$303.38</u>	\$310.52 <u>\$318.22</u>	\$322.01 <u>\$333.27</u>	\$333.92 <u>\$348.51</u>	\$346.28 <u>\$363.92</u>
6"	\$432.86	\$448.87 <u>\$454.76</u>	\$465.48 <u>\$477.01</u>	\$482.70 <u>\$499.57</u>	\$500.56 <u>\$522.42</u>	\$519.08 <u>\$545.52</u>
8"	\$577.18	\$598.54 <u>\$606.40</u>	\$620.69 <u>\$636.06</u>	\$643.66 <u>\$666.14</u>	\$667.48 <u>\$696.60</u>	\$692.18 <u>\$727.41</u>

2. The following commercial ~~water/irrigation~~ volume rates are imposed for each 100 cubic feet of usage for all water other than Class A reclaimed water according to location within or without the corporate limits of the city:

Volume charge	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Per 100 CF cf	\$3.49	\$3.62 <u>\$3.67</u>	\$3.75 <u>\$3.85</u>	\$3.89 <u>\$4.03</u>	\$4.03 <u>\$4.21</u>	\$4.18 <u>\$4.40</u>

3. Rates for outside City commercial customers shall be 1.5 times the inside the City rates for the base charge and the consumption rates.

- E. Potable Irrigation: This customer class includes without limitation all customers listed under subsections B, C, and D of this section that receive irrigation water from the city's potable water distribution system.

1. The base (minimum) service, according to meter size and location within or outside the corporate limits of the City, for all potable irrigation water classifications, other than Class A reclaimed water shall be as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>3/4"</u>	<u>\$41.56</u>	<u>\$44.68</u>	<u>\$48.03</u>	<u>\$51.63</u>	<u>\$55.50</u>	<u>\$59.66</u>
<u>1"</u>	<u>\$52.17</u>	<u>\$56.08</u>	<u>\$60.29</u>	<u>\$64.81</u>	<u>\$69.67</u>	<u>\$74.90</u>
<u>1-1/2"</u>	<u>\$86.46</u>	<u>\$92.94</u>	<u>\$99.91</u>	<u>\$107.40</u>	<u>\$115.46</u>	<u>\$124.12</u>
<u>2"</u>	<u>\$144.26</u>	<u>\$155.08</u>	<u>\$166.71</u>	<u>\$179.21</u>	<u>\$192.65</u>	<u>\$207.10</u>
<u>3"</u>	<u>\$216.59</u>	<u>\$232.83</u>	<u>\$250.29</u>	<u>\$269.06</u>	<u>\$289.24</u>	<u>\$310.93</u>
<u>4"</u>	<u>\$288.76</u>	<u>\$310.42</u>	<u>\$333.70</u>	<u>\$358.73</u>	<u>\$385.63</u>	<u>\$414.55</u>
<u>6"</u>	<u>\$432.85</u>	<u>\$465.31</u>	<u>\$500.21</u>	<u>\$537.73</u>	<u>\$578.06</u>	<u>\$621.41</u>
<u>8"</u>	<u>\$577.18</u>	<u>\$620.47</u>	<u>\$667.01</u>	<u>\$717.04</u>	<u>\$770.82</u>	<u>\$828.63</u>

2. The following potable irrigation volume rates are imposed for each 100 cubic feet of usage for all water other than Class A reclaimed water according to location within or without the corporate limits of the city:

<u>Volume charge</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
<u>Per 100 cf</u>	<u>\$3.49</u>	<u>\$3.75</u>	<u>\$4.03</u>	<u>\$4.33</u>	<u>\$4.65</u>	<u>\$5.00</u>

3. Rates for outside City potable irrigation customers shall be 1.5 times the inside the City rates for the base charge and the consumption rates.
- ~~E. Rates for outside City commercial/irrigation customers shall be 1.5 times the inside the City rates for the base charge and the consumption rates.~~
- F. Whenever two or more rate classifications are serviced by one meter, the highest of the utility rates are imposed on the customer.
- G. In computing the applicable water consumption charge for all customer classes, once the threshold is exceeded for each block, the next block's rate shall be used.
- H. In the event a customer is not connected to a meter service, or a meter has broken, become out-of-order or failed to accurately meter actual water usage, the customer shall be charged the base or minimum charge, together with an estimated charge for the water used at the premises, based upon the average usage for the corresponding month of the preceding year, averaged over a three-month period including the preceding and following month. In the event there is no prior history for the preceding year, the charge shall be based upon the average water usage for the month for all customers of the municipal water supply system in the same service class.
- I. A "low income residential customer" means an individual:
1. Who owns or rents and resides in the residence where the discounted rate(s) are being requested;
 2. Whose residences has a separate water meter;
 3. Whose total household annual income meets the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Income Limits for Very Low Income in King County, Washington. Total household annual income shall include

that of a spouse or any co-resident(s), where “annual income” is defined as Adjusted Gross Income as indicated in the most recent Federal Income Tax return. In the absence of a Federal Income Tax return, the Finance Director may consider other documentation of household annual income; and

4. Who is not nor is any other adult member of the household claimed as a dependent on another federal income tax return; and
5. Who is named customer on the City’s utility bill or can prove that he or she is the named tenant in a lease or rental agreement for that residence.

J. The Finance Director shall create an application form and a renewal form for customers requesting a low income residential customer discount provided by subsection H of this section.

1. Applications shall be available at City Hall or mailed to any City customer upon request.
2. The low income residential customer seeking the discount must complete an application renewal form annually.
3. A notice of renewal of application will be mailed annually by the City to low income residential customers then receiving the low income discount. The completed renewal application form and required attachments must be returned to the City within 30 days or the discount will no longer apply.
4. Discounts will commence on the next subsequent billing date following application.
5. A low income residential customer who applied for and received the discount in the prior year, and whose low income residential customer discount was discontinued as a result of the customer’s failure to submit the renewal form within the required 30 days may request a one-time only retroactive application of the low income discount for not more than 2 billing cycles or two months.
6. A low income residential customer is not eligible for the discount if his or her annual water consumption is in excess of 100 ccf (hundred cubic feet) per year on a calendar year basis. Applicant may appeal the criteria to the

Finance Director and must provide a convincing justification for the excess usage.

K. The water bill (including base and volume charges) of a customer whose application is determined by the Finance Director to meet the criteria of subsections I and J above will be discounted by 30 percent.

L. The rate for retail customers of the municipal irrigation system for Class A reclaimed water shall be the base rate plus the volume rate specified below.

a. The base rate shall be based upon allocation of the existing total base among the current 755 Class A reclaimed water zones in the city's computer-controlled irrigation system as follows:

Customer	Zones	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<i>Per Zone Cost</i>		\$8.01	\$8.16 <u>\$8.24</u>	\$8.32 <u>\$8.49</u>	\$8.48 <u>\$8.74</u>	\$8.64 <u>\$9.00</u>	\$8.80 <u>\$9.27</u>
City of Snoqualmie	358	\$2,864.00	\$2,921.00 <u>\$2,950.00</u>	\$2,979.00 <u>\$3,039.00</u>	\$3,036.00 <u>\$3,129.00</u>	\$3,093.00 <u>\$3,222.00</u>	\$3,150.00 <u>\$3,319.00</u>
Residential Owners Association	239	\$1,912.00	\$1,950.00 <u>\$1,969.00</u>	\$1,988.00 <u>\$2,029.00</u>	\$2,027.00 <u>\$2,089.00</u>	\$2,065.00 <u>\$2,151.00</u>	\$2,103.00 <u>\$2,216.00</u>
Business Park Owners Association	122	\$976.00	\$996.00 <u>\$1,005.00</u>	\$1,015.00 <u>\$1,036.00</u>	\$1,035.00 <u>\$1,066.00</u>	\$1,054.00 <u>\$1,098.00</u>	\$1,074.00 <u>\$1,131.00</u>
Snoqualmie Ridge Joint Committee	16	\$128.00	\$131.00 <u>\$132.00</u>	\$133.00 <u>\$136.00</u>	\$136.00 <u>\$140.00</u>	\$138.00 <u>\$144.00</u>	\$141.00 <u>\$148.00</u>
Venture Corporation	16	\$128.00	\$131.00 <u>\$132.00</u>	\$133.00 <u>\$136.00</u>	\$136.00 <u>\$140.00</u>	\$138.00 <u>\$144.00</u>	\$141.00 <u>\$148.00</u>
Bandera Murray/Franklin	4	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$33.00 <u>\$34.00</u>	\$34.00 <u>\$35.00</u>	\$35.00 <u>\$36.00</u>	\$35.00 <u>\$37.00</u>
TOTAL	755	\$6,039.00 <u>\$6,040.00</u>	\$6,162.00 <u>\$6,221.00</u>	\$6,281.00 <u>\$6,410.00</u>	\$6,404.00 <u>\$6,599.00</u>	\$6,523.00 <u>\$6,795.00</u>	\$6,644.00 <u>\$6,999.00</u>

- b. There shall be added to the base rate a volume rate per 100 cubic feet as follows:

Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Per 100 cubic feet	\$3.03	\$3.09 <u>\$3.12</u>	\$3.15 <u>\$3.21</u>	\$3.21 <u>\$3.31</u>	\$3.27 <u>\$3.41</u>	\$3.33 <u>\$3.51</u>

M. Rates for bulk customers shall be based upon the volume of water delivered to the customer's reservoir.

- a. In the case of the Eagle Lake Reservoir at the Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Course, which also serves as the reservoir for reclaimed and/or raw water for the municipal distribution system for retail customers, the rate shall be based upon the difference between the amount of water delivered to the reservoir and the amount of water supplied from the municipal pump station at Eagle Lake to retail customers.

- b. The rate for bulk customers shall be a volume rate as follows:

Rate	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Per 100 cubic feet	\$0.89	\$0.91 <u>\$0.92</u>	\$0.93 <u>\$0.95</u>	\$0.95 <u>\$0.98</u>	\$0.97 <u>\$1.01</u>	\$0.99 <u>\$1.04</u>

Section 6. Section 13.12.038 Amended. Section 13.12.038 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.12.038 Water General Facilities Charges.

- A. The general facilities charge is a charge imposed upon new customers to recover the customer's equitable share of the cost of the system and is used for funding construction of future general facilities.
- B. Each new customer shall pay the general facilities charge for the customer class in effect on the date of application for service or change of service as provided herein.

- C. Customers with a certificate of water availability, and that are not yet hooked up to the water system, shall pay the general facilities charge prior to hooking up and issuance of a water service installation permit.
- D. A water general facilities charge (“GFC”) shall be imposed in ~~2017~~ 2021 on a meter capacity equivalent (“MCE”) basis, for each meter installed, using flow factors based on the American Water Works Association Principles of Water Rates, Fees and Charge M1 Manual, as follows:

<u>2017 2021</u> Water GFCs, by Meter Size		
Meter Size	MCE Factor	GFC Charge
3/4"	1.0	\$7,412 <u>\$10,465</u>
1"	1.67	\$12,368 <u>\$17,476</u>
1-1/2"	3.33	\$24,735 <u>\$34,847</u>
2"	5.33	\$39,576 <u>\$55,776</u>
3"	10.00	\$74,206 <u>\$104,645</u>
4"	16.67	\$123,677 <u>\$174,443</u>
6"	33.33	\$247,353 <u>\$348,782</u>

- E. Beginning on January 1, ~~2018~~ 2022, and on January 1st of each year thereafter, the 2021 water GFC set forth in Section 13.12.038(D) above shall be increased based on the changes in the Engineering News-Record construction cost index for the Seattle area as determined in December of the preceding year.
- F. Changes to Service.
- Any customers seeking to increase the size of the water meter or service or to add an additional meter to serve the customer’s property shall pay an additional

general facility charge in an amount equal to the difference between the general facility charge credit for its currently sized meter previously paid to the City and the City's general facility charge at the time of the customer's initial service or meter application, plus the GFC applicable to the increased or additional water meter or service.

2. Any customer seeking to change customer classification or who does change customer classification shall pay the general facility charge for the new classification in effect on the date application for change is made; provided, that the customer will receive a credit up to the amount of general facility charge previously paid.

G. The general facilities charge is a charge in addition to the charge for new service connections. The general facilities charge is not a charge or payment in lieu of any utility local improvement district assessment, latecomer fee, main extension cost, or local benefit charge. This charge is imposed in addition to any charge for cost of connection and charges for administration and inspection.

H. Funds received pursuant to the general facilities charge shall be used for capital improvement projects undertaken to construct general facilities, and payment of debt service on capital improvement projects. Funds received from the general facilities charge shall be accounted for in the ~~water~~ utilities capital improvement fund and/or ~~water~~ utilities debt service redemption funds of the City. Interest earned from the investment of such funds shall be used for capital improvements.

Section 7. Section 13.12.040(G) Amended. Section 13.12.040(G) of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code is hereby amended and adopted to read as follows:

13.12.040 Utility Payment – Due date – Delinquency – Shutoff for nonpayment – Lien

- G. In the event of a bona fide dispute as to the amount of the total due for the utility bill, the following procedure shall be employed:
1. The customer shall first attempt to resolve the matter with the utility clerk.

2. If the dispute cannot be resolved between the customer and the utility clerk, the customer shall have the opportunity to discuss or take this to the finance director of ~~administrative services~~ whose decision shall be final.
3. Water shutoff shall be delayed during the period necessary to resolve the dispute only in the event the customer contacts the utility clerk during regular business hours more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled shutoff date and pays such portion of the disputed bill as customer acknowledges to be due. The acceptance of such payment shall not be deemed to have waived the city's right to collect the entire balance finally determined to be due, or to impair any right to shut off service if such additional amount is not paid immediately.
4. If the basis of the customer's dispute concerns the accuracy of his water meter, the city shall conduct a test thereof; provided, the customer shall first deposit by money order or check a sum as established by council equivalent to the actual cost of conducting the test. In the event the meter is determined to have been inaccurate so that the customer has been charged for more water than the actual quantity delivered, the customer's deposit shall be refunded and the city shall bear the cost of the test, and shall further refund to the customer for excess charges for a period not exceeding six months. If the meter is determined to be accurate or inaccurate so the customer was charged for less than the actual quantity of water delivered, the customer's deposit shall be applied to the cost of the test.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption and the expiration of five days after its publication, as provided by law, provided, the effective date of the rates established herein shall be the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 9. Severability. If any portion of these chapters is found to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such finding shall not affect the validity or enforceability of

any other section of this chapter.

Section 10. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington at a regular meeting thereof and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City on this 10th day of May 2021.

Matthew R. Larson

Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

Attest:

Jodi Warren

Jodi Warren MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Bob C. Sterbank

Bob Sterbank
City Attorney